

REMARKS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 10-12, 16 and 18-21 are currently pending in this application. Claims 2-7, 13-15 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 8 and 9 are withdrawn. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. No new matter is introduced herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 16-19 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Lindsay et al. (US Patent No. 6,301,242) and Ranta (US Patent No. 6,775,259). Further, claims 12 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Lindsay, Ranta and "Official Notice." Applicants respectfully submit, however, that these claims are patentable over Lindsay, Ranta, and any combination thereof, for at least the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1, as amended herein, recites in part:

...responsive to receiving the signaling message and detecting the parameter in the spare field, denying the request to establish the connection between the mobile terminal and the external device,

and claim 10, as amended herein, recites in part:

...responsive to receiving the reply message indicating that the signaling message was successfully received by the external device, discontinuing the attempt to establish the connection between the mobile terminal and the external device.

Lindsay discloses a communication system. In particular, and with reference to FIG. 9, a user station transmits a call originate request to a base station to attempt to acquire an available time slot. If it does not acquire a time slot, the user station times out and attempts to acquire a time slot from a different base station. If it does acquire a time slot, the user station transmits an originate call traffic

request. If no acknowledgement is received, the user station attempts to originate a call on another base station. Lindsay, col. 27, lines 37-49. Lindsay does not disclose denying a request to establish a connection between the mobile terminal and an external device responsive to receiving the signaling message and detecting a parameter in the spare field. Further, Lindsay does not disclose discontinuing an attempt to establish a connection between the mobile terminal and an external device responsive to receiving a reply message indicating that the signaling message was successfully received by the external device.

Ranta discloses a base station 400 that includes "connections from the BCCH section 403 and from the CBCH section 404 to the PCH section, so that the information which normally is transmitted on the BCCH or CBCH can be placed in the spare octets of the paging messages generated in the PCH section." Ranta col. 5, lines 49-55 and FIG. 4. Ranta does not make up for the deficiencies of Lindsay as set forth above.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 are patentable over the cited references of Lindsay, Ranta, and any combination thereof. Claims 11, 12, 16 and 18-21 are also patentable over Lindsay, Ranta, and any combination thereof, based at least one their dependencies from patentable claim 10.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of claims 1, 10-12, 16 and 18-21.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters must be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request a notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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